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## NATIONAL EGG MARKET AT-A-GLANCE



In New York, prices were unchanged. Elsewhere, regional prices were lower on extra large and large and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. The market tone was mixed, mostly barely steady to weak beginning the week. Demand into all channels was light to moderate. Supplies were adequate to available for present needs. Breaking stock offerings were light to at times fully sufficient for the light to fairly good demand. Spent hens were usually adequate for the fair to moderate demand.

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED WAREHOUSE, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**MIDWEST REGIONAL** Midwest delivered prices were lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. Prices to producers in IA-MN-WI were unchanged. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Cartoned egg sales were light to moderate. Food service sales were light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central States breaking prices were lower. Offerings were light to instances fully adequate, usually light to just adequate. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

IA-MN-WI-Prices paid to producers.		
	RANGE	MOSTLY
LARGE	68-77	72
MEDIUM	49-55	53
SMALL	23-27	

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	87-96	90-93
LARGE	86-95	88-91
MEDIUM	67-76	69-72

MIDWEST AREA: IA, IL, IN, KY, MI, MN, OH, NE, ND, SD, WI, WV, Western NY, and Western PA

**NORTHEAST REGIONAL** Prices were lower on extra large and large, however mediums were unchanged when compared to last week's values. Trade sentiment ranged barely steady to weak. Demand was mixed, mostly light to moderate. Supplies were sufficient to available for needs. Breaking stock offerings were usually adequate for normal processing schedules. Demand for light type hens was fair to moderate; offerings were mostly adequate.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	92-106	95-99
LARGE	89-103	94-98
MEDIUM	68-81	73-75

NORTHEAST AREA: CT, DC, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, eastern NJ, eastern NY, PA, RI, Northern VA, and VT

**SOUTH CENTRAL REGIONAL** Prices were lower for the larger sizes and unchanged for mediums. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Retail demand was light to usually moderate. Food service movement was light. Supplies were fully adequate to available. Central states breaking stock prices were lower. Offerings were light to instances fully adequate, usually light to just adequate. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	96.5-105	98-101
LARGE	95.5-104	97-100
MEDIUM	71.5-80	73-76

SOUTH CENTRAL AREA: AR, AZ, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, and TX

**SOUTHEAST REGIONAL** Mostly prices were lower on larger sizes and unchanged on mediums when compared to the previous week's values. Trade sentiment was barely steady to weak. Demand was light to moderate. Supplies were fully sufficient to available for current requirements. Breaking stock offerings were limited for the light to moderate demand. Light type hens were usually sufficient for the fair to moderate demand.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	93.25-101	95-98
LARGE	92-99	93-96
MEDIUM	70.5-78	71-75

SOUTHEAST AREA: AL, FL, GA, MS, NC, SC, eastern TN, and southern VA

PRICES TO RETAILERS, SALES TO VOLUME BUYERS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, DELIVERED STORE DOOR, CENTS PER DOZEN.

**NEW YORK** Prices were unchanged on all sizes when compared to last Friday's values. Trade sentiment was steady to barely steady. Demand was generally light to moderate. Supplies ranged adequate to available for present trade requirements.

	RANGE
EXTRA LARGE	103-107
LARGE	101-105
MEDIUM	80-84

## MIDWEST REGIONAL

	RANGE	MOSTLY
EXTRA LARGE	94-102	95-97
LARGE	92-100	93-95
MEDIUM	73-81	74-76

**WESTERN** Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, extra large and large, unchanged on medium. The Pacific region inventory was 11% higher than last Monday with California up 5% and Oregon-Washington-Utah up 21%. Retailer demand light to moderate. Offerings ample.

**CALIFORNIA** Prices 3 cents lower on jumbo, extra large and large, unchanged on medium and small. The California inventory was 5% higher than last Monday. Retailer demand light to moderate, best where features planned. Offerings ample. Small benchmark price 91.

Shell egg marketer's benchmark price for negotiated egg sales of USDA Grade AA and Grade AA in cartons, cents per dozen. This price does not reflect discounts or other contract terms.

	RANGE
JUMBO	138
EXTRA LARGE	137
LARGE	131
MEDIUM	111

PRICES TO CONSUMERS MAJOR CHAINS, METROPOLITAN AREA, USDA GRADE AA AND GRADE AA, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, CENTS PER DOZEN.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA		NORTHERN CALIFORNIA	
	RANGE		RANGE
JUMBO	279-319	JUMBO	
LARGE	249-319	EXTRA LARGE	Not
LARGE	199-289	LARGE	Available
MEDIUM	189-245	MEDIUM	

**NATIONAL RETAIL EGG PURCHASES REPORT** Cooperators estimate orders for the week ending December 08, 2006 will increase by 0 percent. Present week purchases for the week ending December 01, 2006 were 368,474 cases which was 0 percent below the prior week and 6 percent above estimates.

	CARTONED	LOOSE	TOTAL
Cases purchased present week.....	327,010	41,464	368,474

% change from the prior week.....	-0	+1	-0

Comparison figures are compiled on a matched plant basis. Purchases and estimates by 14 cooperators; 30 dozen cases or equivalent.

**CENTRAL STATES BREAKING STOCK** All prices were lower. Offerings were light to instances fully adequate, mostly light to just adequate. Demand was moderate to fairly good. Most breakers continued to work from regular commitments and company owned production to fill current production needs. Floor stocks were balanced to fully adequate. Schedules full-time. Trade sentiment barely steady to weak.

Prices in cents per dozen, delivered to breakers, 48 lb. minimum net weight per 30 dozen case, eggs from table egg layers. Packaging may vary.

	RANGE	MOSTLY
BREAKING STOCK	34-42	36-42
CHECKS & UNDERGRADES	27-34	29-31

AR,CO,IA,IL,IN,KS,LA,MI,MN,MO,NM,ND,NE,OH,OK,SD,TX,WI

**SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN** Trading levels were generally unchanged from the past week. Demand was moderate for fully adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-DEC-06

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	2-7.5 CENTS/LB.		4.90

\*WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**SOUTHEAST LIVE HEAVY HEN** Prices were generally unchanged when compared to the previous week. Demand was fair for the mostly adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules were noted as normal to instances heavy. Sales of finished product seasonally fair to moderate. The undertone was steady. HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)\* FINAL PRICE, GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 04-DEC-06

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AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT  
FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

\* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

**CANADIAN EGGS** QUEBEC/MONTREAL: WHOLESALE PRICES- GRADED IN CARTONS (CANADIAN DOLLARS) AS REPORTED BY AGRICULTURE AND AGRI-FOOD CANADA, AISD, AID, POULTRY SECTION FOR THE WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2006

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.91	1.88	1.79	1.18

MINIMUM PRICES FOR PRODUCERS FOB FARM FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20, 2006 AS SET BY ONTARIO EGG PRODUCERS.

GRADE A	XLARGE	LARGE	MEDIUM	SMALL
	1.46	1.46	1.36	.77

## WEEKLY SHELL EGG INVENTORY REPORT - DECEMBER 04, 2006

STOCKS ON HAND AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING 1/  
(30 DOZEN CASES-IN THOUSANDS)

		North Northeast	Cent	South Cent	South Atl	5-Area Pacific	
Jumbo	Curr Wk	7.3	23.7	8.8	13.7	15.6	69.1
	Change	0.7	1.0	-3.8	0.4	0.1	-2%
Ex Lge	Curr Wk	26.5	82.8	15.5	28.3	43.8	196.9
	Change	2.1	12.4	2.6	7.4	3.4	17%
Large	Curr Wk	39.5	195.5	109.9	131.3	135.3	611.5
	Change	1.1	57.7	35.0	39.7	16.7	33%
Medium	Curr Wk	8.5	39.5	20.5	17.2	32.3	118.0
	Change	-1.1	-3.3	8.9	2.0	2.1	8%
Small	Curr Wk	2.5	3.7	1.9	3.2	3.3	14.6
	Change	0.0	0.2	1.0	0.8	-1.0	7%
Misc	Curr Wk	2.8	30.8	12.9	11.8	6.8	65.1
	Change	0.8	-1.6	-0.7	-4.5	-1.3	-10%
Ungraded	Curr Wk	20.4	49.7	24.4	26.5	29.9	150.9
	Change	0.8	0.2	11.2	2.4	6.3	16%
Total	Curr Wk	107.5	425.7	193.9	232.0	267.0	1226.1
Percent	Change	4%	19%	39%	26%	11%	19%

TOTAL	Number of Cases	Percent Change	Number of Cooperators
Shell Egg	1226.1	19%	165
Shell Egg Breaking Stock	237.8	7%	34
Total Shell Egg	1463.9	17%	199

1/ Information supplied by a universe of 165 cooperators who normally have stocks on hand each Monday A.M. and is on the basis of matched plants reporting in both the current and previous weeks. This is a representative sample of the U.S. inventory and includes eggs packed for export when in cooperator's coolers.

No valid comparison can be made with year ago or previous months' figures due to changes in number of plants surveyed, holidays falling in different weeks or changes in size of plant operations.

Northeast- CT, DE, MA, MD, ME, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, VT  
North Central - IA, IL, IN, MI, MN, ND, NE, OH, SD, WI  
South Central - AR, CO, KS, LA, MO, NM, OK, TX  
South Atlantic - AL, FL, GA, KY, MS, NC, SC, TN, VA, WV  
Pacific- AZ, CA, ID, MT, NV, OR, UT, WA, WY

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — DAILY WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR DEC 01, 2006**CURRENT LOADS** 15.50**FUTURE LOADS** 12.00**TOTAL LOADS** 31.50

SE		NE		MW				SC		NW		SW			
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS
GNR W 1	—	—	—	—	—	—	10.00	GL W J	58.00	—	—	—	61.00	66.00	1.75
GL W XL	—	—	—	61.00	51.47	58.00	8.50	GL W XL	50.00	60.00	—	—	—	64.42	6.50
GL W LG	—	—	—	—	48.33	—	1.50	GL W LG	—	—	—	—	—	60.42	1.50
GL W MD	—	—	—	—	—	—	2.00	GL W MD	51.50	—	—	—	—	56.00	3.00
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	33.00	34.00	4.00	GL W SM	36.50	—	—	—	—	41.00	.75

**TRAILER LOAD EGG SALES** — WEEKLY (5-DAY) WTD AVE PRICES (CENTS/DOZ) NATIONAL TRADING FOR 11/27/06-12/01/06**CURRENT LOADS** 104.00**FUTURE LOADS** 78.75**TOTAL LOADS** 182.75

SE								NE		MW		SC		NW		SW	
CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS	CLASS	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	ORG	DST	LOADS		
GNR W XL	—	—	—	84.00	79.00	—	1.00	GNR W 1	—	84.25	—	—	—	—	17.00		
GNR W 1	74.00	—	74.25	76.00	73.80	77.80	41.00	GL W J	54.90	—	—	—	61.00	65.96	10.00		
GNR W 4	—	50.50	—	49.00	44.50	—	2.00	GL W XL	50.00	60.18	—	—	—	64.52	19.00		
GL W J	—	—	86.50	88.00	52.13	—	5.50	GL W LG	—	63.00	—	95.50	—	66.93	27.25		
GL W XL	—	76.04	86.00	75.64	52.93	58.75	49.50	GL W MD	51.50	68.40	—	57.67	—	60.21	18.50		
GL W LG	53.83	70.23	77.00	77.75	53.51	87.00	43.75	GL W SM	36.50	—	—	—	39.00	41.57	1.75		
GL W MD	67.00	—	58.07	59.87	46.30	62.50	26.25	GL BR J	—	—	—	—	—	80.00	.50		
GL BR J	—	—	—	—	66.00	—	.50	GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	—	73.75	.25		
GL BR XL	—	—	—	—	62.00	—	.25	GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	—	87.50	.75		
GL BR LG	—	—	—	—	60.00	—	.75	NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	—	3.00		
NRBS - 50	—	—	—	—	—	45.25	5.00										
NRBS - 48	—	—	—	—	34.20	38.13	24.00										
NRBS - 45	—	—	44.00	44.50	—	—	2.00										

WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICES ARE LISTED FOR VARIOUS CLASSES PRICED BY ORIGIN AND/OR DESTINATION FOR 6 REGIONS. THE LOADS COLUMN REFLECTS TOTAL LOADS REPORTED AND INCLUDES LOADS WITH PRICES TO BE DETERMINED LATER. NRBS CATEGORIES REPRESENT NET WEIGHT - MATERIAL MAY OR MAY NOT BE INCLUDED.

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT-FROZEN EGGS** (In Thousands)

ON HAND	11/27/06	11/20/06	11/28/05
PACIFIC COAST	0	0	163
LOS ANGELES	0	0	157

**NORTH CAROLINA EGGS** The market is lower on extra large and large, steady on the balance. Supplies are adequate. Retail demand is light to moderate.

PRICES WEIGHTED AVERAGE, IN SMALL LOTS, USDA GRADE A AND GRADE A, WHITE EGGS IN CARTONS, NEARBY RETAIL OUTLET, CENTS PER DOZEN.

	<b>MOSTLY</b>
EXTRA LARGE	110.86
LARGE	109.86
MEDIUM	88.86
SMALL	62.00

**CERTIFIED ORGANIC EGGS IN CARTONS**

(price per carton delivered to first receivers)

<b>Brown Eggs</b>	<b>CENTS/CARTON</b>	<b>MOSTLY</b>
Extra Large doz.	222 – 261	239 - 240
1/2 doz.	120 – 151	130 - 134
Large doz.	217 – 250	225 - 230
1/2 doz.	115 – 142	125 - 128

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